GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3433
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2004
PROGRESS OF NHAI IN WB
Baxla Shri Joachim

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in the work of NHAI in Jalpaiguri District of West Bengal;

(b) whether the Government is facing any difficulty on the NHAI project in Jalpaiguri;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has got clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forest for NHAI in Jalpaiguri;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the action plan of the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) The NHAI has been mandated to develop sections of NH-31 and NH-31 C in the Jalpaiguri District of West Bengal into four lane facility as part of East-West corridor under National Highways Development Project. The status is annexed.

(b) to (f) The detailed project report for sections of NH-31 (km 575.150 to 587.60 and km 603.40 to 634.00) and NH-31 C (km 105.00 to 223.00) on East-West corridor in Jalpaiguri District of West Bengal has not been completed, since the alignment passes through wild life sanctuaries/ national parks at three places namely Mahananda wildlife sanctuary, Jaldapara wildlife sanctuary and Buxa Tiger Reserve. A request has been submitted to the Ministry of Environment & Forest for obtaining necessary clearance.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3433 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND DECEMBER, 2004 ASKED BY SHRI JOACHIM BAXLA REGARDING PROGRESS OF NHAI IN WB

Status of National Highways Development Project in Jalpaiguri District of West Bengal

Sl. No.	NH. No.	Sections (Chainage)	Status
1	31	km 575.150 to 587.60 and km 603.40 to 634.00	Survey and investigation work not taken up due to want of clearance from Ministry of Environment
2.	31C	km105.00 to km223.00	and Forests since the alignment passes through wildlife sanctuaries/ national parks at many places.
3.	31 C	km 223.00 to 249.700 & km 253.30 to 255.00	Bids for civil contract have been invited and the work is likely to be awarded by June 2005.